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**Ramadan Kareem
From the U.S. Consulate General
in Jerusalem!**



Observing Ramadan Worldwide

Many of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims will observe the month of Ramadan in different ways, blending their own cultural customs with Islamic traditions of prayer and fasting.

In this photo gallery, see Ramadan celebrations in the United States and around the world.

President Obama on the Occasion of Ramadan



"Michelle and I would like to send our best wishes to Muslim communities in the United States and around the world... Times like this remind us of the lesson of all great faiths... do unto others as we would have them do unto us. In that spirit, I wish Muslims around the world a blessed month... Ramadan Kareem."

أوباما يهنئ المسلمين بمناسبة حلول رمضان

"إننا، ميشال وأنا، بمناسبة إطلالة شهر رمضان نود أن نتوجه بأطيب تمنياتنا إلى المجتمعات الإسلامية في الولايات المتحدة وحول العالم. فرمضان شهر بهيج ينتظره المسلمون شهورا في كل مكان؛ نتشارك فيه الأسر والمجتمعات فرحة الاجتماع معا على الإفطار وللصلاة. وتضيء أنوار الأسواق ظلام الليل في مدن كثيرة امتدادا من الرباط إلى جاكرتا. وهنا في الولايات المتحدة يتشارك المسلمون الأميركيون في إحياء التقاليد الرمضانية مع جيرانهم وزملائهم الطلاب وزملاء العمل."

ورمضان بالنسبة للملايين العديدة من المسلمين حول العالم شهر للتفكير العميق والتضحية. وكما هو الحال في الأديان الأخرى، يستفاد من الصوم في تنمية الروحانية والانضباط وزيادة الوعي برحمة الله. وهو أيضا تذكرة بأهمية التواصل مع أولئك الذين هم أقل حظا. فالأنبياء التي تتألم لها القلوب عن فقدان الأرواح ومشاهد العائلات والأطفال في القرن الأفريقي يكافحون من أجل البقاء على قيد الحياة تذكرنا بإنسانيتنا المشتركة وتلزمنا بالعمل. فالآن هو أوان التقاء الدول والشعوب على العمل لتجنب كارثة أسوأ بكثير بتقديم الدعم والمساعدة لجهود الإغاثة الجارية"

Secretary Clinton's Ramadan Message



"On behalf of the people of the United States, I wish all Muslims around the world a happy and blessed Ramadan.

Ramadan is a time for self-reflection, sharing and renewal. American Muslims make valuable contributions to our country every day and millions around the world will commemorate this month with acts of service and volunteerism to their communities.

Along with dozens of our Embassies, I will host an Eid Celebration in Washington for Muslims and non-Muslims to join together and reflect on our common values, faith and the gifts of the past year.

During this month of peace and humility, I wish the 1.6 billion Muslims around the world Ramadan Kareem."

بيان وزيرة الخارجية كلينتون بمناسبة حلول شهر رمضان

"بالنيابة عن شعب الولايات المتحدة، أتمنى للمسلمين جميعا حول العالم رمضان سعيدا ومباركا.

إن شهر رمضان هو وقت للتفكير والتأمل الذاتي والمشاركة والتجديد. والأميريكيون المسلمون يقدمون مساهمات جلية لبلادنا في كل يوم؛ وملايين الناس في مختلف أرجاء المعمورة سيحتفلون بهذا الشهر بأعمال الخير والخدمة والتطوع لمجتمعاتهم.

وإلى جانب العشرات من سفاراتنا، سوف أضيف حفل العيد في واشنطن للمسلمين وغير المسلمين لكي يلتقوا ويتفكروا في قيمنا المشتركة وعقائنا ونعم السنة الماضية.

وخلال هذا الشهر من السلام والتواضع، أتمنى لمسلمي العالم البالغ تعدادهم 1.6 بليون نسمة رمضان كريما."

U.S. Consulate General Activity Brings Jerusalem, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip Together



To celebrate the conclusion of the summer art and education program at American Corner Jericho, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem arranged on July 29 for 30 camp participants and coordinators to travel to Jerusalem for a morning of games, movies, pizza, and prizes. The America House team coordinated with local NGO Al Razi to bring a dozen local youths for the Jericho–Jerusalem mixer. Youth from Jericho gave a slideshow presentation about their summer activities and the Jerusalem kids led a game for all to identify famous U.S. landmarks.

Everyone sat for a viewing of ‘No Sharp Objects,’ an UNRWA-produced short documentary about a group of young Gazans who visit Washington, DC, and New York City. For the kids from Jericho, the visit to Jerusalem concluded with a walk through the Old City to the *Haram Al Sharif* (Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa). For some of them, it was their first visit to Jerusalem.



MEPI-Jerusalem Local Grant Competition

The MEPI local grant projects promote greater freedom and opportunity for people in the region by helping partners carry out their innovative project ideas. These grants are also successful in expanding the role of civil society in identifying local challenges and finding the best solutions to them at the community level.

Palestinian applicants, including individuals and non-governmental organizations (NGO's), should apply directly to the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. More information on local grant projects is listed below.

[Local Grant Summaries](#)

[About the Program](#)

[Guidebook for Local Grant Applicants](#) (PDF 1.6 MB)

Submissions should be emailed to MEPIJerusalem@state.gov no later than August 21, 2011.

Please click here for more info: http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/about_the_program.html

- **[NEW!](#)** Calling all organizations interested in funding from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), including MEPI. Read this [PDF instruction booklet](#) then take the questionnaire to see if your organization is a good fit for future NEA funding in the areas of political and economic development, democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, and much more! NEA will notify you if your organization might be considered for future funding through this opportunity.

Don't wait to tell us about your work... This opportunity closes on **SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

- [MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#) to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov

- **Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program:** The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2012 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the AY 2012 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. FLTA fellows spend nine months during the academic year serving as teaching assistants at U.S. educational institutions while also taking courses in English teaching and American Studies as non-degree students. FLTAs also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects.

FLTA fellows may teach up to two language classes and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in American studies. The remaining coursework must relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA fellows will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs and language tables.

FLTA fellows will be required to attend a regional orientation arranged by ECA during the summer of 2010 before arriving in the United States in August. FLTA fellows will also be required to attend a mid-year enrichment workshop that will be hosted by ECA in the United States to share and discuss foreign language best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows. Application Guidelines: Interested candidates are required to submit an on-line application via the on-line system at the following website: <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>

Deadline: Friday, August 5, 2011. Inquiries:

West Bank/East Jerusalem residents:

Tel: (02) 622-7172, or by email to exchanges@state.gov

Gaza Residents: (08) 286-4623, or by email to exchanges@state.gov

- **The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** is pleased to announce the opening of its 2012-2013 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. The Center accepts non-advocacy, policy-relevant, fellowship proposals that address key challenges of past, present, and future issues confronting the United States and the world. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. The Center also supports projects that intersect with contemporary policy issues and provide the historical and/or cultural context for some of today's significant public policy issues. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, Windows based personal computers, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, and part-time research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: fellowships@wilsoncenter.org.

You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowshipapplication/>

Deadline: October 1, 2011

- **CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:** Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. Here is more information: <http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions>

Regional and International News

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